

# MA PROGRAMME IN EUROPEAN STUDIES (MAES)

## Programme requirements for the 2025/2026 cohort

MA students are required to earn **minimum 120 ECTS points**, consisting of:

- The courses listed under each specialisation, chosen as part of the student's individually tailored curriculum
- Two semesters of foreign language training (Polish beginners' to intermediate level, or French, German and Russian at beginners' level)  
**Please note: only one language will be counted as part of the 120 ECTS**
- Workshops in methodology, academic writing and speaking, as well as the MA seminars
- an MA thesis.

The degree is completed when the student passes the MA exam and thesis defence.

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In their **first year** of study all MA students must complete the following mandatory courses:

- European Civilisation (60h, 10 ECTS)
- European Integration Theory and Practice (30h, 5 ECTS)
- 'Academic Skills' seminar (30h, 5 ECTS)
- one subject from the 'Research Methods' group (Qualitative or Quantitative Methods) (30h, 5 ECTS)
- one 'Language Course' –120 hours over two consecutive semesters of the same language (120h, 12 ECTS)
- 'Health and Safety in Education' Training (4h, - ECTS)
- Master Proseminar in the 2nd semester of their studies (20h, 3 ECTS)

In their **second year**, each student must complete:

- Master Seminar & Thesis (incl. Protection of Intellectual Property Rights) from the 'Master Seminar' group in the **3rd and 4th semesters** of their studies (all together: 40h, 30 ECTS)

Furthermore, over the course of their studies, each student must fulfil the requirements specific to their selected track.

## STUDY TRACKS (SPECIALISATIONS)

### CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN STUDIES (COHORT 2025/2026)

Students must gain at least 30 ECTS to complete this track.

15 ECTS by completing the following **specialisation courses**:

- Political and Social History of CEE in the 20th Century: from the turn of Centuries to the end of World War II (30h, 5 ECTS)
- **AND:**
- Political and Social History of CEE in the 20th Century: from World War II till the collapse of the Communist system (30h, 5 ECTS)

PLUS one of the following:

- Foreign and International Relations in CEE - theories revisited (30h, 5 ECTS)
- **OR:**
- Foreign and International Relations in CEE - view from the field (30h, 5 ECTS)

The remaining 15 ECTS need to be selected from the optional courses **within this track**.

**Optional courses for this track:**

- Anthropology of Heritage and Memory in Europe (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Economy of Central Europe: from Transition to EU Membership (30h, 5 ECTS)
- EU Integration and Politics in the Balkans (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Europe as a Normative Power: Central European Perspectives (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Gender, Democracy and Citizenship in CEE (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Meaning and Value of Democracy from a Philosophical Perspective (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Religion, Diversity and Toleration in Central and Eastern Europe (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Security and Democracy in Europe after 1989. A Central European Experience (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Polish Language and Culture (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Practical Aspects of Polish Language and Culture (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Internship (150h, 5 ECTS)
- Internship (Research – 240h, 15 ECTS)

Any remaining ECTS necessary to complete the program would need to be collected by first taking **at least two courses from the other specialisations** (i.e. European Culture and Heritage or EU Studies) or an **Internship**, and then by taking any optional course on the MA level from the ISE offer. The management of the Institute will indicate which courses will be available in a given academic year.

## EU STUDIES (COHORT 2025/2026)

Students must gain at least 30 ECTS to complete this track.

15 ECTS by completing the following **specialisation courses** (one from each category):

1. EU Institutions & the Decision-Making Process: Policy Practice in the EU (30h, 5 ECTS)

**OR:** EU Institutions & the Decision-Making: The Political System of the EU (30h, 5 ECTS)

and

2. Introduction to Finances in the EU (30h, 5 ECTS)

**OR:** EU Foreign and Security Policy: Europe and global challenges (30h, 5 ECTS)

and

3. EU Administration, Justice and Home Affairs: Actors, Norms and Challenges (30h, 5 ECTS)

**OR:** EU Administration, Justice and Home Affairs: Towards a European Administrative Space (30h, 5 ECTS)

The remaining 15 ECTS need to be selected from the optional courses **within this track**.

### Optional courses for this track:

- Contemporary Crises and Conflict (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Economy of Central Europe: from Transition to EU Membership (30h, 5 ECTS)
- EU Foreign and Security Policy: Europe, NATO and Transatlantic Security (30h, 5 ECTS)
- EU Integration and Politics in the Balkans (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Meaning and Value of Democracy from a Philosophical Perspective (30h, 5 ECTS)
- New and Critical Approaches to Security in Europe (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Political Challenges to European Integration (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Polish Language and Culture (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Practical Aspects of Polish Language and Culture (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Internship (150h, 5 ECTS)
- Internship (Research – 240h, 15 ECTS)

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## EUROPEAN CULTURE AND HERITAGE (COHORT 2025/2026)

Students must gain at least 30 ECTS to complete this track.

15 ECTS by completing the following **specialisation courses**:

- Theory and Practice of Heritage (30h, 5 ECTS)
- **AND:**  
Legal Protection of Heritage (30h, 5 ECTS)

PLUS one of the following:

- Europeanisation and Transformation of Collective Identities:  
Theoretical Considerations (30h, 5 ECTS)
- **OR:**  
Europeanisation and Transformation of Collective Identities:  
From Concepts to Analysis (30h, 5 ECTS)

The remaining 15 ECTS need to be selected from the optional courses **within this track**.

**Optional courses for this track:**

- Advanced Academic Research Design (15h, 5 ECTS)
- Anthropology of Heritage and Memory in Europe (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Antisemitism after Auschwitz in Comparative Perspective (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Challenges to the European Identity: The Rebirth of Nationalisms in Europe (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Citizenship, Mobility and Multiculturalism in Europe: From Concepts to Practices (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Citizenship, Mobility and Multiculturalism...: Theories and Processes (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Culture and Society in Central Europe. Dilemmas of Identity and Pluralism (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Heritage of Holocaust and Pop-Culture (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Meaning and Value of Democracy from a Philosophical Perspective (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Political and Social History of CEE in the 20th Century: from the turn of Centuries to the end of World War II (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Political and Social History of CEE in the 20th Century: from World War II till the collapse of the Communist system (30h, 5 ECTS)
- Polish Language and Culture (30h, 5 ECTS)
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